

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
CHARTER OF THE TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AFRICA

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The U.S. Trade Representative, pursuant to Section 135(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155 (c)(2), (the Act), (as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-418, 102 Stat. 1264 (1988), Section 134 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (Pub. L. 103-465, 108 Stat. 4840 (1994)), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-274, 118 Stat. 820 (2004), and Executive Order No. 11846 of March 27, 1975 hereby establishes the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa (the "Committee") to provide trade and development policy advice for the countries of sub-Saharan Africa.

2. MEMBERS

- A. The Committee shall consist of not more than 30 members, including but not limited to, representatives from industry, labor, investment, agriculture, services, non-profit development organizations and other interests. The Committee shall be broadly representative of key sectors and groups with an interest in trade and development in sub-Saharan Africa.
- B. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the U.S. Trade Representative for a term of four years and may be reappointed for any number of terms. Appointments to the Committee shall be made without regard to political affiliation. The U.S. Trade Representative may remove any member at his or her discretion. New members to the Committee may be added when the need arises. The U.S. Trade Representative may ask members to designate a representative for discussions of technical issues. The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the U.S. Trade Representative.

3. DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

- A. The Committee shall be designated as the "Trade Advisory Committee on Africa."
- B. The Committee's objectives and the scope of its activity are as follows:
 - (1) The Committee will provide the U.S. Trade Representative with policy advice on issues involving trade and development in sub-Saharan Africa.
 - (2) The Committee may establish such subcommittees of its members as may be necessary, subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the approval of the U.S. Trade Representative, or his or her designee.

- C. (1) The Committee will report to the U.S. Trade Representative, or his or her designee.
- (2) The U.S. Trade Representative, or his or her designee, with the advice of the Chairman, will be responsible for prior approval of the agenda for all Committee meetings.
- D. The U.S. Trade Representative, or his designee, will have responsibility for determinations, filings, and other administrative requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
- E. (1) The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison and the Office of African Affairs of the U.S. Trade Representative will provide clerical and other necessary staff support for the Committee.
- (2) The Committee shall have an Executive Director who shall be a full time Federal Officer or employee designated by the U.S. Trade Representative.
- F. The Committee will be used solely for advisory purposes. Members shall serve without either compensation or reimbursement of expenses.
- G. The estimated annual operating costs of the committee are \$35,000 and one-half FTE of staff support.
- H. The Committee will meet as needed at the call of the U.S. Trade Representative or his or her designee.

4. DURATION

The Committee will terminate four years from the date of this Charter, unless otherwise extended.

3/27/05
Date

Rob Portman
United States Trade Representative